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CD/DVD Player Operating Instructions DVP-NS530 DVP-NS730P, Japan, Sony Corporation, May 10, 2006 pp. 69-74 and its English version pp. 62-67.

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Japanese Publication No. 11185389 w/English Abstract  
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Copies of these foreign references and Form PTO-A820 are attached.

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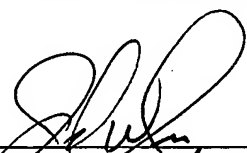
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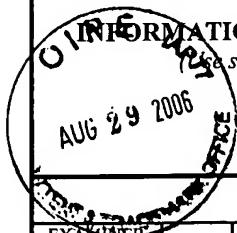
  
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